

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

BOTTAZZI et al.

Serial No. 09/657,519

Filed: September 8, 2000



Atty. Ref.: 3572-21

Group: 2161

Examiner:

RECEIVED

FEB 14 2001

Technology Center 2100

For: DISPENSING DEVICE OF PORTABLE TERMINALS FOR
ACQUIRING PRODUCT DATA IN A SHOPPING
CENTRE, INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR DISPENSING
SAID PORTABLE TERMINALS, AND INTEGRATED
SYSTEM FOR SELLING PRODUCTS THROUGH THE
USE OF PORTABLE TERMINALS

* * * * *

February 13, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited. Also enclosed is a copy of the corresponding EP Search Report.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

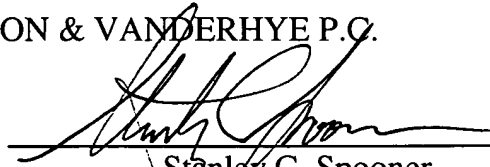
The undersigned attorney of record hereby certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) that each item of information referenced herein and attached hereto was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

BOTTAZZI et al.
Serial No. 09/657,519

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By:



Stanley C. Spooner
Reg. No. 27,393

SCS:kmm
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201-4714
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100